

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please **revise paragraph [0024] of the specification** as follows:

[0024] The vibration-proof structure of this starting gear transmission device 15 will be described in greater detail hereinafter with reference to FIG. 2 and FIG. 3. The above idle gear 21 turns on the second shaft 17 and can slide in the axial direction between the first and second fixed walls 10a and 10b. A wave washer 31 which is wavy in a peripheral direction is interposed between one end face of the idle gear 21 and a plane washer 33 placed on the end face of the second fixed wall 10b to surround the second shaft 17. The wave washer 31 is compressed by a predetermined amount between the end face of the idle gear 21 and the plane washer 33 placed on the end face of the second fixed wall 10b, whereby a predetermined set load for pressing the idle gear 21 toward the first fixed wall 10a is applied. As can be seen in FIG. 2, waved washer 31 includes first and second surfaces 31a, 31b, and is disposed directly around an outer circumference 71o the first gear shaft 17 with the first surface 31a thereof directly facing the fixed gear 21. In addition, the plane washer 33 is disposed directly around the outer circumference 17o the first gear shaft 17, and includes a first side 33a with an inner surface portion 33i directly facing a second surface 31b of the elastic member 31, and an outer surface portion 33o disposed radially outward with respect to the inner surface portion 33i and directly facing ends 30e of the cylinder portion 30. When the elastic member 31 is in a compressed state, only the outer surface portion 33o is able to contact the ends 30e of the cylinder portion 30. Further, as can be seen in FIG. 3, an outer perimeter 31Pout of the elastic member 31 has a circular shape when viewed in plan

view, and an inner perimeter 31. Pin of the elastic member 31 has a non-circular shape when viewed in plan view. Referring back to FIG. 2, it can be seen that a second side 33b of the plane washer 33 is larger than the end face of the second fixed wall 10b, and the end face of the second fixed wall 10b is smaller in diameter than ends 30 of the cylindrical portion 30 formed on the first gear 21.